

THREE BRITISH SHIPS TORPEDOED BY THE GERMANS DISAPPEAR AT SEA

ITALY READY
TO GO TO WAR
TO AID ALLIES

Declares That Oppression
of Austria, Long Stand-
ing, Will be Ended

ARMY WELL ORGANIZED

Nation Prepared to Sacrifice
Blood and Money if Neces-
sary to Solve Problem.

London, March 15.—The
British admiral announced
tonight that the German
cruiser Dresden had been
sunk.

UNABLE TO DRAW
DOWN FLAG; DIED

SHOT-TORN HALYARD ON GER-
MAN CRUISER LEIPZIG
FATAL TO 370.

Cleveland, O., March 15.—A shot
torn flag halyard was responsible
for the death of 370 German seamen
of the cruiser Leipzig at the end of the
engagement of Dec. 8 off the Falkland
islands.

The German cruiser, her last shot
fired, on fire and disabled, could not
haul down her ensign in surrender be-
cause the halyard was severed. Manned
on the tilting deck, the crew of 400
endured a heavy shelling from the
Glasgow that left only 30 alive.

This detail of the fight became
known last night through a letter from
Mrs. John H. Pope of Montevideo, Ur-
uguay, to the family of J. G. Cox of
this city. Captain Lane of the Glas-
gow told the story of his victory over
a dinner table in Montevideo, where
the cruiser put in to refit, and Mrs.
Pope retold it.

Here is Captain Lane's story of the
Leipzig's end:

"The Leipzig fired its last shot and
was ablaze. The captain or-
dered all hands on deck with their
life belts on. They gathered in the
waist of the ship, expecting an explo-
sion any moment. The halyards of
the ensign were cut by a shot and the
deck below was burned; also a store
room directly under and around the
mast. The crew could not haul down
their ensign, and one man who volun-
teered to climb the mast was burned
to death.

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on the deck, and the Glasgow moved
them down by sea and 600 and strewn
the life belt and wide.

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anchor at home. He sat and talked
and smiled and helped them to keep
steady, and just at the end his cabin
boy found a big box of cigarettes, and
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ALLOWS SHIPS TO SAIL

Cruiser Des Moines at Pro-
gresso Prepared to Back Up
Washington Note.

Washington, D. C., March 15.—Car-
ranza has abandoned the blockade of
Port Progresso on urgent representa-
tions of the United States. The Mex-
ican gunboat Zaragosa has been cal-
led off and two American ships laden
with food for the United States cleared
Saturday without interference.

The United States has notified Car-
ranza that the port of Progresso, through
which practically all food used in making
harvesting twine for this country is obtained, must be kept
open, and was prepared to back up
the demand with the cruiser Des Moines
now at that port.

It became known today that last
week the Mexican gunboat Zaragosa
had stopped one American ship with a
shot across her bows, held up an-
other, and had interfered with British
shipping. Pointing out the seriousness
of the situation growing out of the
blockade of Progresso, Secretary
Houston advised the president that
200,000,000 pounds of twine was used
each year in the United States, that
ninety-two of the supply was made
from sisal, grown in Yucatan and ex-
ported through Progresso.

The president's reply to Carranza's
note of March 4, which was in re-
sponse to urgent representations of
the United States for better treat-
ment of foreigners in Mexico, follows:

"Thank you for your message of 5th
for the assurance it conveys, and
your kind personal words. I beg you
to understand if our messages occa-
sionally are couched in terms of strong
emphasis, it is only because they con-
tain some matters which touch the
very safety of Mexico itself and the
whole process of its future history.

We seek always to act as friends of
the Mexican people, and as their
friends it is our duty to speak very
plainly about the grave danger which
threatens them from without when
whatever happens within their
borders is calculated to arouse
hostile sentiment of the whole
world. Nothing will stir that
sentiment more promptly or
more hotly or create greater danger
for Mexico than any (even temporary)
disregard for the lives, safety or rights
of citizens of other countries resident
within its territory, or any apparent
contempt for the rights and safety of
those who represent religion. Any at-
tempt to justify or explain these
things will not eradicate this senti-
ment or lessen the dangers that will
arise from them. To warn you con-
cerning such matters is an act of
friendship, not hostility, and we can-
not make our meaning too earnest. To
speak less plainly or with less earnest-
ness would be to conceal from you the
terrible risk which no lover of Mex-
ico should care to run."

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PRESS CALLS
HOT PROTEST

Washington, D. C., March 15.—Vig-
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government investigations to place
newspapers of the country under a
sort of duress was made today by
Editor-in-Chief Miller of the New
York Times, before the senate ship-
ping investigating committee. Chair-
man Walsh had questioned Miller at
length as to editorials and news stor-
ies in his paper bearing on the ship-
ping bill, trust prosecutions and railway
mail pay. At the conclusion of his
examination, Miller, questioning the
authority of the committee to inquire
as to many of the matters discussed,
said: "I can see no ethical, moral or
legal right of this committee to ask
me many of the questions you put to
me. It seems to me it would be right
for you to inquire whether I know of
any improper activities in connection
with the ship purchase bill. I have
told you I know of none. There, it
seems to me, the matter should have
ended."

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THE WEATHER

Forecast Till 7 P. M. Tomorrow, for
Rock Island, Davenport, Moline
and Vicinity.

Partly cloudy tonight and Tuesday.
Probably snow flurries tonight. Slightly
colder tonight, with the temperature
at about 28 degrees.

Temperature at 7 a. m., 23. Highest
yesterday, 41. Lowest last night, 23.

Velocity of wind at 7 a. m., 6 miles
per hour.

Relative humidity at 7 p. m., 84; at
7 a. m., 94.

Stage of water, 5.1; a rise of 3 in
last 48 hours.

J. M. SHERIDAN, Local Forecaster.

ASTRONOMICAL EVENTS.

Evening stars: Mars, Saturn. Morn-
ing stars: Jupiter, Mercury, Venus.
Constellation Cygnus (the Cross) below
the horizon due north, all but Arcturus,
star nearly as brilliant as the neighbor-
ing Vega.

TOO SOON TO TALK PEACE,
DECLARES GERMAN CHIEF

Berlin, via London, March 15.—A
declaration that Germany cannot yet
discuss in detail all the questions that
must be solved at the conclusion of
peace was made by Chancellor Von
Bethmann-Hollweg, in replying to a
letter from a friend who wrote re-
garding the discussion of peace terms
at the present time.

"At a time when the struggle is still
progressing toward the object of war,
the defeat of our enemies, and while
Germans in the field and at home are
ruled by a single purpose, to win, we
cannot yet discuss in detail all the
questions which must be solved at and
after the conclusion of peace," wrote
the imperial chancellor. "May the
day soon come when the fetters shall
be struck off from a free conflict of
opinions. For that will be at the
same time, the day on which the
bloody conflict ends."

"For the present, however, let us
prepare in the spirit in which our folk
will have to work together in creating
conditions of future life. Of course,
the strife of parties will be resumed,
but as all classes rightly have learned
in the hour of need now, internal po-
litical conflicts also must be governed
by a mutual respect which includes
all classes from prince to workman."

MYSTERY IS MADE CLEAR
IN AGED WOMAN'S LIFE

Bloomington, Ill., March 15.—With
the arrival yesterday at Wenona of
W. M. Morgan, ranchman of Spencer,
Idaho, the mystery which surrounded
the identity of the aged woman who
died at Wenona last week has been
solved. It developed that the woman
was not married to Morgan as claimed,
but probably would have been had
she survived and obtained a divorce
from her third husband, L. M. Amster,
to whom she was married June 27 last
in Boston. The woman arrived in
Wenona without previous notification,
expecting to live with a sister of Mor-
gan's. Mrs. Amster also died soon
afterward. Mrs. Amster was found in
her apartment, \$2,000 was found in her
apartment. Upon receiving advices from Mrs. Am-
ster's daughter in Gainesville, N. Y.,
the body was shipped yesterday to
that point.

LONDON PLAN
TO STOP FOOD
MADE PUBLIC

London, March 15.—The British or-
der in council decreeing retaliatory
measures to meet the declaration of
the Germans that waters surrounding
the United Kingdom are military area
was made public today.

It contains drastic provisions, not
only for holding up ships to and from
German ports, but for confiscation of
goods of German origin or destination
which are shipped from neutral ports.
Under the decree the civilian popula-
tion of Germany as well as the army,
will be cut off from any form of over-
seas traffic as far as lies within the
power of the allies to bring this about.

CONFIDENCE NEED
POINTED BY VAIL

TELEPHONE HEAD SAYS INDUS-
TRY MUST BORROW TO
GIVE WORK.

New York, March 15.—There are
2,000,000 persons unemployed in the
United States whose yearly earnings
should at least be twelve hundred and
fifty millions, says President Vail of
the American Telephone and Tele-
graph company, in his annual report.
These unemployed are now living at
the expense of their savings, their
friends or the public, he asserts, and
what is needed to bring about their
reemployment and return to prosper-
ity is restoration of conditions which
would inspire confidence in the se-
curities of public service and manu-
facturing enterprises to enable them
to obtain capital for extension and
improvement. A billion dollars a year
are needed, he said, to put enter-
prises in a position to meet the de-
mands of the country both as to "grow-
ing and going" concerns, and if they
could begin expenditure of even a
part of that sum it would soon re-
store normal conditions.

Bishop Fox Dead.

Chicago, Ill., March 15.—Bishop Jo-
seph Fox of the Catholic diocese of
Green Bay, Wis., taken to the Alexian
brothers' hospital March 1 for a ser-
ious operation, died late yesterday.

SELECTS PALMER
FOR CLAIM COURT

Washington, D. C., March 15.—For-
mer Representative A. Mitchell Pal-
mer of Pennsylvania has been select-
ed by the president for chief justice of
the federal court of claims to succeed
Judge Mowry, resigned.

TEUTONS ARE
AGAIN FIRING
ON PRZEMYSL

New Phase of Campaign
in Eastern Zone Is
Developing.

TROOPS CONCENTRATED

Berlin Reports Heavy Losses
Among Russians in Recent
Engagements.

London, March 15.—The British
steamers Florazan, Headlands and
Hartdale, torpedoed recently by
German submarines, all have
sunk, according to the British ad-
miralty. Early reports indicated
the vessels had not been destroyed
and might be brought into port.

London, March 15.—A new phase of
the campaign in the east has de-
veloped in an attempt of the Austro-Ger-
mans in Galicia to relieve Przemyśl,
whose resistance has been one of the
striking episodes of the campaign.
For this purpose the center has been
shifted westward, following a recent
ineffective movement in eastern Ga-
licia, and troops have been concen-
trated.

A Paris newspaper says before his
resignation Premier Venizelos of
Greece offered 9,000 men to the en-
tente powers for the Dardanelles ex-
pedition. Bulgaria is represented as
considering the expediency of enter-
ing the war, but is undecided whether,
in such event, she assists Turkey or
her opponents. A report from Greece
states the young Turks, under whose
leadership Turkey went to war, are
finding the present position in Con-
stantinople a difficult one and may
see the capital.

German attacks yesterday against
the British near the Franco-Belgian
border and against the French in
Champagne and Argonne were re-
pulsed according to Paris. It is ad-
mitted, however, that the Germans
temporarily gained ground from the
British. A Paris News dispatch says
violent cannonading is going on north-
east of Dunkirk. It is believed in
Dunkirk it is the British squadron
bombarding the sand dunes around
Nieupoit.

Munitions Serious Matter.

In the house of lords today, Kitch-
ener, after a brief review of the war
situation, referred to munitions of war
and said: "The supply of war mater-
ial now and for the next month or two
is to be a serious consideration. It is
absolutely essential the output of am-
munition be increased." He urged
firms in certain lines to place spare
labor and machinery at the disposal
of the government. He considered
that men engaged in supplying munitions
were serving the country as
valuable as the men in the field, and
medals would be issued to workers on
munitions on the successful termina-
tion of hostilities. The work of equip-
ping Britain's new armies has been
seriously hampered by the failure to
get sufficient labor and factory facili-
ties.

British Violently Attacked.

Paris, March 15.—Official: "British
troops, violently attacked yesterday
evening at St. Etienne, south Ypres,
were pushed back slightly, but regained
part of the ground. Fighting con-
tinues."

CARNEGIE STEEL
IN MORAL APPEAL

EMPLOYEES ASKED TO LEAD
GOOD LIVES TO SHARE IN
REWARDS.

Pittsburgh, March 15.—An appeal to
its thousands of employees to lead mor-
al lives as a means of increasing their
own safety while at work and improv-
ing their chances for promotion has
been made by the Carnegie Steel com-
pany as part of a safety first cam-
paign.

Bloomington, Ill.—Maple sugar
camps are in operation in central Illi-
nois.

St. Louis, Mo., March 15.—Captain
Henry King, recently retired as man-
aging editor of the St. Louis Globe-
Democrat, died today.